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The invention provides a hub document preparation method which collects a plurality of external files and attachment files to be included in a structured document of a hub document format to allow a hub document to be prepared readily, to reduce the burden to a document preparing person, and to augment the operation and efficiency of preparing a hub document.
